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Asian Flair

CAMBODIA Built by a local businessman in honor of his wife's 50th birthday, The Sothea is a new all-suite resort that celebrates natural beauty and regional, eco-friendly materials. Each of the 39 suites has beautiful furnishings, private butler service and wi-fi. Standout features include The Chandeliers, a fine-dining venue; Flame, a cozy, candlelit bar; and a tranquil spa. ▼

SHANGHAI Shanghai's historic Bund, with its colonial buildings and scenic views of Huangpu River, makes a dazzling setting for the new Les Suites Orient. This sophisticated, boutique-style hotel has 168 guestrooms, stylish lounge, cigar bar and rooftop restaurant, all done in a style that interweaves a classic art deco aesthetic and a traditional Asian sensibility.

Island Debuts

ST. LUCIA Set on a seaside bluff that was once home to a sugar plantation, Cap Maison Resort & Spa recently opened its doors in St. Lucia. The Spanish Caribbean-style resort has 50 guestrooms and suites and a coterie of luxurious offerings. Rejuvenate at Spa Maison, sup on French West Indies-inspired cuisine from executive chef Craig Jones or sail the Caribbean on the hotel's private yacht. ▲

ST. BARTHS Hotel Carl Gustaf, the 14-suite landmark in the hills above Gustavia Harbor, has completed a magnificent multimillion-dollar renovation. Acclaimed French yacht designer Franck Reynaud spearheaded the transformation, which includes Victoria's, a new restaurant helmed by celebrated chef Emmanuel Motte, plus a designer lounge, chic Carita Spa and the 2,600-square-foot Royal Suite.

PROVIDENCIALES Grace Bay Beach has a sleek new resident – Gansevoort Turks & Caicos, A Wymara Resort. Opened in March 2009, the 91-room haven fuses Caribbean style with a clean, contemporary aesthetic. The property boasts Bagatelle and Bagatelle Beach Club, island outposts of the popular New York City eatery, a beachfront Exhale Spa and a sprawling infinity-edge pool complete with "lounging islands" for sunbathers.

TAORMINA In spring 2009, La Plage Resort makes its debut on Sicily's beautiful eastern coast. A warm, intimate hideaway with 61 guestrooms and suites, La Plage faces the small island of Isola Bella. Offerings include a full-service restaurant, Expure SPA, an exclusive Marine and Beach Club, and an extensive menu of water sports and activities.

